

SHOT-GUN POLITICS

No Arrests Made Yet of the Straightouts Who Attacked the Fusionists.

THEY JUSTIFY THEIR ACTION

Opportunities Alleged Given Negroes While Difficulties Were Thrown in Way of White Men.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9.—No arrests have as yet been made in connection with the riot of last night in Berkeley, when the straightouts went with shotguns to prevent the county treasurer from receiving the poll taxes of negro voters. The straightouts defend their course by stating that the people had become exasperated by the obstacles recently placed in the way of the white voter paying his poll taxes, while the negroes were reported to have everything made easy for them. This the fusionists deny. That there was no looting is considered remarkable. The city of Portsmouth will ask the legislature for permission to purchase a present water works system, which supplies Suffolk and Berkeley. Nearly two millions is involved in the transaction.

MOCCASIN NOT FLOATED.
All efforts to float the submarine torpedo boat Moccasin, which is still ashore on the beach at Currituck, have proved futile. The Moccasin, wrecked on the beach, while pulling on the Moccasin today, snapped a hawser and operations had to be temporarily suspended. It is believed that the little boat will be gotten off during the storm now prevailing.

The shipping is hugging port to-night. There is a fierce storm off the Virginia coast, and although there have been no reports of disasters at sea, shipping men are uneasy. All north-bound shipping out, as long as a day is expected to-night's blow along the Middle Atlantic seaboard.

VACANCY ON BENCH.
Governor Montague will have to appoint a judge of the County Court of Princess Anne. Judge B. D. White's term. The judge will retire from the bench to become Commonwealth's attorney some weeks before his term expires. Six starling Portuguese, who came here on the Cape Verde Islands, tempted by the sight of the wares, are being cared for at the Union Mission. When they arrived here they found that they would have to subsist on \$10 a month, and they are now in pliable distress. The Mayor will care for them temporarily.

SPENT DAY IN WOODS.

Lady Hides From Searching Parties Who Looked For Her.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COVINGTON, VA., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Bratton, aged thirty years, wife of F. Bratton, of this place, left her home yesterday suffering from temporary insanity, and wandered all day in the woods, evading several searching parties, and was not found until late this evening. About 6 o'clock in the evening word came from Dolly Ann Mines, two miles from Covington, that Mrs. Bratton had come there and desired to return to Covington. A carriage was at once sent for her, and she was brought here late at night. Although she has been in the woods about eleven hours, she was not injured in any way, and seemed to be in her right mind. Mrs. Bratton said she did not know why she left home, and that she saw the men looking for her in the woods, but she hid behind the trees and rocks.

NEW HUNT CLUB.

Organization Effectuated and Officers Elected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 9.—A new hunt club was organized last evening with a good membership. Officers for the first year were elected, as follows: Colonel Henry M. Lewis, president; William Chamberlain, vice-president; Joel M. Schramm, secretary; and William Garret, treasurer. These officers, with J. A. Chisholm, C. Moore and George B. Goodyear, constitute the board of governors. The following committee was appointed to apply to the State Corporation Commission for a charter. The first hunt-agony will be held on Belmont on Friday evening of this week.

Call to a Pastor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Aiken, S. C., Dec. 9.—Rev. S. H. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist Church, tendered his resignation to a meeting of the church last night. The church will decide Sunday next whether to accept this matter. This eminent divine has served the Aiken church acceptably for about thirty years, and the warmest attachment exists between pastor and people. It is reported that he has accepted a call to Bluefield.

ECZEMA SETS THE SKIN ON FIRE

No disease causes so much bodily discomfort, or itches, and burns like eczema. Beginning often with a slight redness of the skin it gradually spreads, followed by pustules or blisters from which a gummy, sticky fluid oozes which dries and scales off or forms hard looking scabs and scabs. It appears on different parts of the body but oftenest upon the back, arms, hands, legs and face, and is a terrible torment at times, especially at night or when over-exercised. The cause of Eczema is a too acid and general unhealthy condition of the blood, the terrifying itching and burning is produced by the overflow through the glands and pores of the skin of the fiery poisons with which the blood-current is overloaded. While external applications, such as washes, soaps, salves and powders soothe and cool and do not enter into the blood itself or touch the real cause of the disease, but S. S. S. does, and purifies, enriches, and strengthens the blood in clear off and Eczema with all its terrifying symptoms disappears. Send for our free book on the skin and its diseases. No charge for medical advice.



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LIVERY BURNS AT BLACKSBURG

V. P. I. Cadets Will Now Have to Walk to the Railroad Christmas.

BLACKSBURG, VA., Dec. 9.—The livery burn, owned by Dr. Perney, was totally destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock this morning; only three horses and two vehicles were saved. Sixteen horses perished and a number of hacks and buggies were burned. The insurance covers only the building. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute cadets returned to the city and projected the surrounding property by tearing down small out-buildings, thus preventing the spread of the flames. The cause of the fire is unknown. The conveyances of this livery were used to carry the cadets to and from Christiansburg, a distance of eight miles, and from the security of the conveyances a large portion of the seven hundred and fifty cadets will be obliged to walk to the railway station at Christiansburg when Christmas holidays begin December 15th.

MURDER TRIAL.

Case of Aleck Hodges, Charged With Killing John W. Hall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., Dec. 9.—Aleck Hodges, charged with killing John W. Hall, is on trial in the County Court. Hodges is defended by R. E. Scott, of Roanoke, and P. H. Dillard, of Dillard & Lee. Hodges and Hall were drinking together at the primary election August 12th, and on returning to their homes near Gogginsville, Hall attempted to enter Hodges' home, and the latter's protest it is alleged, and drew a knife on Hodges, who stepped inside, got his gun and shot Hall, fatally in the breast. The wounded man lived until the following morning when he expired without having gained consciousness.

COMING WEDDING.

Condition of Freight Agent Who Shot Himself is Very Serious.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 9.—Miss Sara Taylor, daughter of Mr. Charles Taylor, of this city, and Mr. Archibald Cary Hoxton, of the Episcopal High School will be married at St. Paul's Church Wednesday evening, December 10th, at 8 P. M. The condition of Mr. J. T. Preston, the local freight agent of the Southern Railway Company, who was shot in the side last night by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his pocket, is regarded as very serious.

MEET IN BALTIMORE.

Electric Lines to Make Subscription to Jamestown Exposition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 9.—A meeting will be held in Baltimore early next week, when the representatives of all the electric freight agencies will tell Third Vice-President W. C. of the Jamestown Exposition Company, how much stock they will subscribe to the exposition. The managers now have no doubt but that the electric and steam roads centering here will make up the deficit and insure the holding of the exposition.

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FARMVILLE GUARD.

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FARMVILLE, VA., Dec. 9.—A mass-meeting of the citizens will be held at the "Farmville Guard" within sixty days, on account of the company not having

PRUSSIAN CAPTAIN

Death in Petersburg of Henry Frederick Goertz, Retired Officer of the German Army.

A FARMERS' INSTITUTE 14TH

Steamer Tourist to Make Her Initial Trip From Petersburg to Norfolk Monday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 9.—Henry Frederick Goertz, aged seventy-seven years, died this morning at his home, on High Street, in this city. At the age of eighteen Mr. Goertz entered the Prussian army as a volunteer, and in 1870 was retired as captain, and eighteen years later, after serving his country for more than forty-three years, he was placed on the retired list. In recognition of his services he was decorated with the badge of the Red Eagle.

In 1888 he came to this country to reside, living in St. Paul and Ashville, N. C., until 1896, when he took up his residence in this city. He is survived by four children—John Henry, his stepson, and Miss L. Goertz, of Petersburg; Mrs. Taylor, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Martin, of Ashville, N. C.

John H. Goertz, seventy-two years old, a colored man, who had been sexton of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church about twenty years, died at his home here today. Bell had the respect of all who knew him.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A large attendance is expected at the farmers' institute to be held December 14th, in the court-room of the Hustings Court here, under the auspices of the State Agricultural Department. Subjects to be discussed, and among the special speakers to be present will be Commissioner G. W. Kolner and Manager Helges, of the State Farm.

STEAMBOAT LINE.

The revival of the steamboat service between Petersburg and Norfolk is welcomed by the business men of this city, and the enterprise will doubtless be accorded patronage sufficient to ensure its continuance. The withdrawal of the former boats off the line caused serious inconvenience to the business people tributary to Petersburg. The initial trip of the steamer "Tourist" will be made Monday, the start being made from Norfolk.

The Ithaca Conservatory of Music concertists is booked to appear at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night next.

THE CHIEF WILL RECOVER.

The condition of E. V. Farley, chief of the fire department, who was reported as injured while hunting, is reported as being improving, and his recovery is expected. The injured man readily rallied from the operation last night, and rested very well through the night and day.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Weeks, of this city, to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Bernard Weeks, to William Fourqurean Betts, of Richmond, the ceremony to take place Wednesday evening, December 23d, at 10 o'clock, at the bride-elect's home, No. 373 West Washington Street. Miss Weeks is an accomplished young lady, and Mr. Betts is connected with the Shockoe Warehouse, in Richmond.

FLOYD COUNTY BANK.

Organized With Twenty Thousand Dollars Capital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FLOYD, VA., Dec. 9.—A new bank was organized at Floyd Monday, with a capital stock of \$20,000, and a fine Board of Directors were elected as follows: Mr. I. F. Martin, A. G. Blackwell, B. S. Pedego, Peter Carmady, J. P. Profit, A. T. Howard, J. E. Burwell, G. W. Dalton and E. M. Reed. B. S. Pedego was elected president; I. F. Martin, vice-president; D. R. Wood, was elected cashier. The bank expects to begin business the 1st of January, 1904. The need of a bank at a legal rate of interest has been felt in the county for some time, and as the stockholders are among men who represent every business of the county, it is to be known as the Floyd County Bank.

FARMER'S HEAVY LOSS.

Faints in Burning House and is Saved by Heroism of His Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SMITH'S CROSS ROADS, VA., Dec. 9.—Mr. Richard Clayton, an enterprising young farmer, living six miles north of this place, near South Hill, Va., had the misfortune yesterday afternoon to have his dwelling house, entire household and kitchen furniture, together with all of his crop of tobacco, which was a good one, destroyed by fire. The fire was caused by a defective pipe, leading from a heater. As soon as the fire was discovered Mr. Clayton went to see his wife and children out safely, after which he returned to the burning building to secure some of his property. Seeing the flames were beyond his control soon after entering the house, he was overcome with heat and fainted, and only by a very bold and heroic effort on the part of his wife was he saved. The loss to Mr. Clayton is a very heavy one, as no insurance was carried on the property destroyed, and he has a wife and several small children. He has the sympathy of the community in this loss.

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ing the required number of men, created no little excitement in military circles here. The company was short ten members, but the officers and men went to work, and have succeeded in signing up six new members, and the remaining four will no doubt be secured within the time required.

Just as soon as the required membership is obtained, the organization will receive new guns and equipment from the State.

RELIGIOUS AUXILIARY.

Move to Erect Building for Religious and Social Bodies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Dec. 9.—The movement, started at the University some ten years ago, to erect a large and commodious building for the use of the religious and social organizations of the institution, has been revived, and a campaign begun to raise the necessary money.

The Young Men's Christian Association already owns the ground—a lot known as the Y. M. C. A. campus and used for a number of years as practice ground for the athletic teams. Since the original purchase, however, the value of the property has increased very much, and now it is thought that a large part of the needed money for the building can be secured by the sale of a part of the land.

The running expenses of the building will be met by an endowment, and by the rent of a number of rooms that will be reserved for students.

STRUCK HIS HEAD AGAINST MILE-POST

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LURAY, VA., Dec. 9.—Mr. James W. Gordon, a farmer, living near Griglersville, Madison county, was killed at Luray, this county, at an early hour this morning by jumping from a moving freight train and striking his head against a mile post.

Gordon, accompanied by a young man, had crossed the Blue Ridge yesterday with a load of bark. When this was unloaded at Stanley yesterday evening, the older Gordon went to visit relatives at Grove Hill, a few miles south of Stanley and it was while returning from this visit he met death, which was instantaneous.

Flouring Mill at Auction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ORANGE, VA., Dec. 9.—The Orange Flour Mill was sold yesterday at public auction to Mr. O. H. Lyne at \$15,000. The mill was formerly the property of Boston and Lyne, and is one of the best flouring mills in the State. Its capacity is one hundred barrels of flour per day.

Chatham Chips.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the Town Council this week, L. J. Sands was elected town sergeant for one year to succeed John Shellhorse, resigning.

LUMBER PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

The McKenney Manufacturing Company Heavy Losers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MCKENNEY, VA., Dec. 9.—The plant owned and operated by the McKenney Manufacturing Company at McKenney, Va., was destroyed by fire this morning about 4 o'clock. About 115,000 feet of lumber, a car of barrel heads ready for shipment, together with two flat cars, one loaded with telegraph poles, the other empty, and all the machinery operated by the company, were burned. Estimated loss, \$10,000. No insurance. It is understood that the McKenney Manufacturing Company will immediately rebuild.

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HELENGOULD AT OLD POINT

Takes Part in Dedicatory Exercises in Y. M. C. A. Building, to Which She Gave Liberally.

MR. ELLYSON ONE SPEAKER

International Committee Will Establish One at Every Army Post in the Country.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 9.—Interesting exercises marked the dedication today of the Young Men's Christian Association building at Fort Monroe, presented to the United States army by Miss Helen M. Gould. Colonel Story, commandant at the fort, presided over the meeting.

William Sloane, of New York, made an address, in which he said that the work grew out of the old Christian union in the regular army.

AT EACH POST.

During the Spanish-American war, the work received a great impetus and now the International Committee of the association would work to establish a building and association at each army post.

General Bird, United States army, retired, who organized the association at Fort Monroe, spoke, telling of the difficulties encountered and of the small beginning.

Miss Helen Gould, of Richmond, was one of the speakers. Miss Helen Gould and party, who participated in the dedicatory exercises, will leave to-morrow for New York.

Less than a dozen negroes have paid their capitation tax under the new constitution, and it is believed that when the books close Saturday night there will be less than twenty colored voters in the city.

Miss Gould at Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9.—Miss Helen Gould, of Richmond, who participated in the dedicatory exercises, will leave to-morrow for New York.

At night she will attend a large mass meeting in the interest of her pet project for helping the enslaved men.

VICTORY FOR PILOTS.

The Case, However, Will be Taken Still Higher.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9.—The case instituted in the city with a view to end disputes as to the constitutionality of the compulsory pilotage laws, has thus far resulted victoriously for the Virginia Pilots' Association.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals to-day, Richmond, the case was argued in the case of Darden vs. Thompson, from the Norfolk Court of Law and Chancery. This means that the Court of Appeals has decided that the pilotage laws are constitutional, and that the association members have a legal right to collect the charges from ship masters and ship owners.

The case of Darden vs. Thompson, the former a pilot and the latter a mariner, was first heard before Judge Martin, of the Norfolk Court of Law and Chancery, who ruled that the compulsory laws were not in accordance with the Constitution. The case was carried before the Court of Appeals, which tribunal reversed the Norfolk court. The case was tried again here, the pilots winning it.

Counsel for the ship master, Thompson, then carried it before the Supreme Court again, with the aforementioned result. It is understood that Lawyer Hughes, of counsel for Thompson, will file his briefs in the United States Supreme Court. Lawyers Brooks and Marshall are attorneys for the Virginia Pilots' Association.

"PUTTING AWAY" CROOKS.

Eight Are Sent to the Penitentiary in Two Months.

The detectives at police headquarters are "putting away" many of the local crooks and the fact that there has not been many big robberies lately is due to this. In the past two months eight of the most desperate of local crooks have been given terms in the penitentiary, through the work of the headquarters detectives. They are John Fleming, five years; James Patrick, six years; Stephen Love, one year; Henry Watkins, five years; John Holland, ten years; and five additional for second conviction; Willie Michaels, eighteen months; Lewis King, one year; Lee Haskins, two years.

NO JAIL FOR REV. J. C. HALL

He Satisfies the Jury That They Can Get From Other Witnesses All That He Knows.

LIQUOR MEN ARE INDICTED

B. F. Brueett Acquitted on the Plea of Self-Defense of the Murder of Tom Johnson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 9.—Dr. J. Cleveland Hall, who was summoned before the grand jury this morning to testify as to the use of liquor in Danville in defiance of the local option laws, was called before that body this afternoon, but he managed to get off without being required to give his evidence or being in contempt of court.

When the doctor was called by the jury, he asked for a list of the one hundred and fifty or more witnesses who have been summoned to testify. After studying this, for a short time, he announced to the jury that while he would not point out the names of the men, who gave him the information, on which he based his recent sermon, he would admit that they were on the list of witnesses, and that the jury could secure the evidence from them without compelling him to testify.

GRAND JURY GLAD.

This suggestion pleased the grand jury, and Dr. Hall was told that there would be no further use for him, and he was excused.

The incident caused one of the greatest sensations in Danville in recent years. There is absolutely no doubt but Dr. Hall would have been sent to the city jail for contempt of court if he had refused to give the evidence wanted or indicate to the grand jury how it could procure it, and the manner in which it closed, is a matter of felicitation all over the city to-day.

The grand jury has already returned a number of true bills for liquor selling, and a number in addition to these, are expected before the jury adjourns to-morrow.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

B. F. Brueett, who was held on the charge of murdering Tom Johnson, a colored man, near the city, several weeks ago, was acquitted in the Corporation Court to-day. His plea was self-defense.

Miss Ida Wearings, the Campbell county girl, who came here several months ago to escape the attentions of her lover, John Snow, of that county, has returned yesterday, the couple were married.

SHE RELENTS.

Several weeks ago Snow came to Danville with a Campbell county marriage license in his pocket to wed the woman, but she refused to have aught to do with him and sent him back home after causing him to give bond before Mayor Wooding for his good behavior, testifying before the jury that she was afraid of him.

Snow is a well-to-do young farmer and he and his bride will reside in Campbell.

TRIBUTES TO GOOD MAN.

Touching Addresses at Memorial Service to Mr. Abraham.

The memorial service in honor of Rev. W. V. Abraham, held in the Cavalry armory last night by Immanuel Baptist Church, was a sweet and tender one. A large number of the close friends, in life, of this good man were present, and special music was well rendered by the Immanuel choir, and the speeches were appropriate and heartfelt.

Rev. Dr. A. Solly, pastor of Immanuel, read extracts from a number of letters received from leading men, and paid a brief, hearty tribute to the deceased as having been one of his closest and best friends. Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, who baptized Mr. Abraham when a boy of fifteen, and had known him well all his life, spoke especially of his young life. Rev. V. J. Shipman, of Rio's, spoke of the Christian character and life of Mr. Abraham, and Rev. Thomas J. Shipman, of Roanoke, spoke of the influence of his life. Rev. George F. Williams offered the closing prayer.

The entire service was a beautiful tribute to one of the best of men.

Richmond Elks.

Richmond Lodge of Elks met last night in regular session, and transacted a lot of business of importance to the order. Members of the lodge are getting up a Cincinnati Club, to be formed of all who expect to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Cincinnati next summer.

The Fisher Case.

The case of C. H. Fisher, the Chesapeake and Ohio checking clerk, and watchman, charged with robbing the Ninth Street freight house, will be called